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'It happens to the best of them': The car was on its way to Carphone Warehouse in Kingston

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Police car crashes on way to phone store robbery

A police car driving to an armed robbery at a Carphone Warehouse smashed through a fence and flattened a parking sign.

Three robbers used a fake firearm to threaten staff and stole mobile phones from the store in London Road, Kingston, on Monday.

The police car was on its way to the store at about 11.20am when it crashed into 2 Villiers Road, damaging the front wing, radiator grille and a tyre.

Terence Fairs, 40, from New Malden, was overtaken as he was driving north along Villiers Road.

He said: "There was a police officer standing with his hands on his head and the other police officer was just standing there. They must have swerved. You can think what he is going to say when he gets back to the station. It happens to the best of them."

Resident Hamid, 31, a chef, said he often heard police driving down the road.

He said: "You don't expect the police crashing into someone's house, because they are good drivers.

"The car was really smashed in the front and the airbags were all out.

by JON SHARMAN
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Notice: Carphone Warehouse

"The fence was gone. I was shocked when I saw the car."

Carphone Warehouse was closed for the rest of the day and workers there declined to comment.

Shortly afterwards, a house on the Cambridge Road estate was raided by police but they have not said whether it was in connection with the robbery.

Three men were arrested, one on suspicion of possessing an imitation firearm.

One man was released with no further action, police said.

The other two men were released on bail.

Anyone with information is asked to call the flying squad at Barnes on 020 8247 7934 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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Che 'would still be alive if council had acted properly'

Social workers failed to help a mother hammered to death by her jealous lover in front of their daughter and then altered records, a leaked independent report has revealed.

Charito "Che" Cruz, 37, was twice referred to Kingston Council by the NSPCC before her murder in September 2011, amid concerns for her daughter. Che's mobile phone was destroyed with a hammer by her partner Asad Niazi at their Cambridge Road, Kingston home.

Abigail Pickering, a relative of Charito Cruz's, who looked after Mrs Cruz's daughter for 10 months following her death, said: "It is appalling. She would still be alive if they had dealt with it properly.

"I knew she contacted the NSPCC and they told her to go to a [domestic violence] one-stop shop, but that is all I knew.

"[The council] covered its back and when the head of social care asked [them] to discipline the two social workers they ignored her.

"It is shocking for us to know about this. We cannot go back in time but we just hope it does not happen to anyone else.

"Unless they take action it is going to happen again and again."

The report, leaked to the BBC, found a social services manager did not think the referral was serious enough to warrant a visit.

The night Ms Cruz died, a manager had taken the referrals home to read.

Olivia Butler, former interim head of social care, who commissioned the report, told the BBC the altered records were "to cover up the lack of action and proper response".

Senior management, run by the then children's director, Duncan Clark, who resigned the day before a damning Ofsted report with a £128,000 pay-off, would not discipline staff, according to the report.

Leader of the council Councillor Derek Osbourne said the whistleblower should have come forward sooner.

Kingston Council said it would be inappropriate to comment while the review took place.

❑ See tomorrow's Surrey Comet for more.

New scheme is threat to homes

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Elderly residents of Newent House are "likely" to see their home closed as part of Kingston Council's new adult services scheme.

Residents, who were told a year ago that Newent House or another council-run home in the borough may close, were informed this week.

It forms part of the Kingston at Home project, aiming to allow more elderly people to stay in their houses for longer.

Jan Hesse, whose 97-year-old mother, Irene Harmer, lives at Newent House, said: "My biggest concern is that they are steam-rolling this decision through without considering what impact it may have.

"In theory it seems OK, but in reality you are talking about very old, very frail people. My mother has been there nearly four years now and I have heard nothing but praise for it.

"The staff are just as upset by it all as the residents."

Kingston Council aims to reduce the number of people being discharged from hospital into long term care homes by 50 per cent. The decision was discussed at a committee meeting on January 29.





'Steam-rolling decision': Newent House, above, and resident Irene Harmer, right, pictured last year Deadlinepix KT73502

Councillor Julie Pickering, Conservative opposition member for healthy living and adult services, arranged a meeting at Newent House after being contacted by Mrs Hesse. She said: "It is about making sure all of the change is done appropriately and in a timely manner."

Though residents have been guaranteed homes elsewhere, they have been encouraged to find places in private housing, Mrs Hesse claimed.

Council leader Derek Osbourne said no final decision had been made, but that the move was likely.

He said: "Discussions have been taking place with residents and relatives of people at Newent and the people at Murray to explain the situation.

"The purpose of the closure of the residential care homes is to create the ability to open a new home specialising in dementia.

"Where people are moved we try to move them with their friendship groups or where possible with staff they know, if they are going into another home that we own.

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Licence extension for Iguanas

Las Iguanas in Kingston High Street has been granted a licence extension so customers can drink alcohol and eat in a seating area at the front of the bar until 11pm.

The application was approved at a Kingston Council licensing subcommittee hearing on January 23.

The council consulted 44 residents and four responded, including Charter Quay resident Sue Gurney. She told the council's environmental health manager the area already suffered from antisocial behaviour, including vandalism and people urinating on to pontoons and boats.

She said: "I anticipate that, if the licence is granted, the availability of food and alcohol may contribute to this situation."

Another resident of Charter Quay, Patricia Gowan, was strongly against the proposed extension. She said in a letter to the council: "Who on earth needs to drink until midnight? The same people I suppose who can't afford to feed their children before they go to school.

"Stop pandering to the antisocial people who want to ruin our town."

Las Iguanas said it would implement a noise management plan and display it in the bar within a month of gaining the extension.

Firefighters find chip pan burns

Fire crews attended a home in Surbiton after a kitchen fire broke out in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

The fire in Surbiton Road was caused by water being put on to a chip pan just after 2am.

One person suffered burns to the face.

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Firefighters find dead dogs in living room while tackling blaze

Two dogs died after a fire broke out at a second floor Richmond Road flat on Monday afternoon.

Three fire engines from Kingston, New Malden, and Wandsworth attended the blaze, which took more than an hour to get under control, at the corner of Albany Park Road.

A London Fire Brigade spokeswoman said: "We were called at 12.30pm to a fire in a flat in Richmond Road, near Albany Park Road. Part of a second floor flat was damaged by the fire.

by JON SHARMAN
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"Firefighters found two dogs in the living room who had died."

Richard Thomson, 66, who lives opposite the building and saw the fire as he returned from a shopping trip, said: "I couldn't see any smoke but I heard a couple of residents hanging around. I could smell burning.

"They had the hose going into the far entrance at the end. I did see one of the firemen with breathing apparatus.

"One of the fire engines was still there at gone half past three."

Neighbour Susie Skinner, 50, said: "I was worried at first because I thought it might be this house. There were fire engines outside but I did not see any firemen or anyone being carried out of a window."

A London Ambulance spokeswoman said an ambulance and a duty station officer were sent to reports of a fire at 12.45pm, but no one was treated at the scene or taken to hospital.

No other injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is not yet known.

The flat's residents could not be reached on Tuesday morning.

Neighbours speculated they could be staying elsewhere.

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To close: Tolworth Blockbuster

Stores' endgame

All three Blockbuster stores in Kingston, Tolworth and Surbiton are slated for closure, according to administrator Deloitte.

No dates have been set, with stores set to be assessed according to their sales figures, a spokeswoman said.

A total of 160 branches of the DVD and games chain are to close nationally, with staff facing redundancy.

Lee Manning, joint administrator, said: "Having reviewed the portfolio with management, the store closure plan is an inevitable consequence of having to restructure the company to a profitable core which is capable of being sold.

"We would like to thank the company's employees for their support and professionalism during this difficult time.

"We are also grateful to the customers for their continued support."



Recovering well: Three of the seven rabbits found running loose near Chessington World of Adventures

Happy bunnies: Rescued rabbits 'lucky to be alive'

Seven rabbits in danger of being run over or eaten by foxes have been saved by a woman out walking her dog.

Josie Turner, 67, of Elm Road, Chessington, found the animals running loose near the amusement park last Wednesday. She asked staff for help but was turned away.

She said: "All I wanted was help and a box to put them in.

"Rabbits running around in this weather will not survive."

The lucky bunnies, named Waltzer, Merry, Carousel, Bubble, Dodgem, Candy, and Floss, after popular amusement park attractions, are being cared for by Furry Friends Animal Rescue (FFAR) in Old Coulsdon.

FFAR's owner Emma Semple spent two-and-a-half hours trying to round up the rabbits.

She said: "They are all fine, although it could have had a very different outcome."

She said Chessington World of Adventures had changed its policy as a result of the incident.

The animals will be spayed and vaccinated this week.

For information on adopting one of the rabbits, call Emma Semple on 020 8407 1080.

A wet and cold night out for charity sleepers

About 100 hardy souls braved the pouring rain to take part in the YMCA's Sleep Easy event in Kingston on Saturday night, *writes Tom Ambrose.*

The event, in its fourth year, was organised by YMCA London South West, Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness and Faith in Action, who will use funds to work with homeless people.

But those who took part in the events, held in Kingston's Memorial Gardens and Wimbledon's Holy Trinity Church, refused to let the rain dampen their spirits.

YMCA chief executive Richard James said: "In terms of an event, it was very fun to be part of – if a little wet.

"Because of the terrible weather conditions, there was a real feeling of resilience and a 'right, let's do this' attitude.

"The numbers were slightly down on previous years which is a shame but it was a terrific effort from all those who took part."





Sleeping out: The charity event organised by the YMCA

He estimated the events to have jointly raised between £10,000 and £20,000 in sponsored donations which is split between the three organising groups.

Despite the weather, several groups reinforced their cardboard boxes, donated by Bentalls, as they fought to keep out the rain.

Mr James said: "Some of the designs were works of art that had been weeks in the planning.

"However one of the groups set up in the middle of the field and soon regretted that decision."

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£20k burglar caught after DNA link found

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A man has been found guilty of breaking into a home and stealing £20,000 worth of valuables, after DNA was found on a piece of latex glove found at the site.

Harry Mackay, 22, from Queens Road, Thames Ditton, was charged with burglary following a break-in at a house in Acre Road some time between September 1 and September 2, 2012.

The trial began at Kingston Crown Court on Monday last week, with Mackay taking the stand in the middle of the week to say he did not know anything about the burglary – although he was unable to say where he was at the time.

Defence counsel Melissa Millin, who described Mackay's learning disabilities, said: "The Crown would have you believe this case is simple – a gang of experienced thieves with gloves hell bent on relieving contents [from the house]. Quite frankly, he would be a liability."

The piece of latex glove was found in a Foot Locker bag, with jeans belonging to a resident of the home stuffed inside following the break-in.

A Vauxhall Insignia was also taken from the driveway of the home, but found some days later with no prints matching Mackay.

The prosecution read out a witness statement that described the state of the home as "disturbed" after the break-in, that saw one of the locks on the door completely broken.

Among the valuables stolen were two Mac computers, a bottle of Chanel perfume, an iPhone and gold jewellery, as well as £100 in cash.

Mackay said he used gloves for work, but did not know how his DNA had got into the home.

More than two weeks after the burglary, Mackay fled from police officers, not knowing he was wanted, but because of bad experiences with the police, according to his defence counsel.

The jury returned a guilty verdict on Thursday.

Mackay, who has learning difficulties, was sentenced to 18 months in prison in July 2011, minus time already served, for his role in a car theft gang which fished car keys through letterboxes, targeting BMWs, Jaguars, and Mercedes from homes in Oxshott, Worcester Park and Chessington.

But he was cleared of kidnapping another man in an incident in Tolworth on November 2011 after prosecutors offered no evidence on the first day of the trial.



Guilty: Harry Mackay



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No floating voters as beds plan is rejected

by ROSS LOGAN
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Defeated planners of the Surbiton filter beds floating homes scheme are confident the proposal will still go through on appeal.

Hydro Properties' bid for a 64-home, 92-berth marina on the former Chelsea Waterworks site off Portsmouth Road was unanimously voted down by councillors at a highly-charged public meeting on Tuesday last week.

Members of the development control committee overruled officers' recommendation to agree the proposal, saying it did not meet the "special circumstances" required to overturn the authority's core strategy and Metropolitan Open Land (Mol) policy.

Opponents and members of campaign group Friends of Seething Wells cheered as the eight councillors raised their hands in objection to Hydro's application.

But that decision could yet be overturned, if an appeal to the planning inspector is successful.

Former Kingston councillor Nick Kilby, director of Hydro's PR company Cratus, said: "I think Hydro has a very good opportunity to win on appeal.

"The fact council officers felt there was sufficient reasons to accept it means there is a very strong case.

"I think Hydro will go into the appeal with confidence. The argument is there to be won, and an inspector may well think more in line with officers than councillors."

The meeting saw objectors present five arguments against the proposal – the development's impact on river sports, ecology and heritage, planning, and other issues including Hydro's proposed affordable housing contribution.

Ultimately, the debate centred around the application contravening both the council's core strategy and the Mol policy, which state the site is inappropriate for such a development.

Officers believed the promise of a nature reserve, river ferry crossing and the continuation of the riverside walk were of public benefit and met the special circumstances needed to depart from normal policy.

But councillors disagreed, with Councillor Richard Hudson saying he did not believe the development was "special enough".

Mr Kilby said: "We were confident we won the argument on ecology, heritage and river users. What we clearly didn't do was win the argument that there are sufficient special circumstances.

"The Friends of Seething campaign was ferocious and well organised, but in many respects helped highlight that the Mol was the issue and not the arguments they put forward."

Friends of Seething Wells director Simon Tyrrell said: "We are delighted the application was refused unanimously despite officers' recommendation to approve it.

"We're expecting Hydro to appeal and we are keen to keep working with the community coalition that has formed to carry on working for an alternative solution for the site.

"The core strategy is still relatively new and it would be wrong to undermine it so soon.

"When it goes to the inspector we trust that will be recognised."

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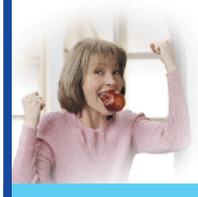
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The red mist descends over flat block naming

by JON SHARMAN
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A new block of luxury flats in Tolworth called Red Square has left residents in dismay.

The historic site, where the Red Lion pub sat for decades after it was built in 1906, is being converted into housing and retail space by CNM Estates and Linden Homes. It will open this summer.

Residents have expressed bemusement at the naming decision, which apes the famous Moscow landmark – or the budget vodka brand.

John McCarthy, vice-chairman of the Friends of Kingston Museum and Heritage Service, wrote to Linden Homes to press for a change to the plans, concerned that residents have not been consulted.

In his letter he said: "It is difficult to understand the necessity of changing the name of the site, even more so as the name you have chosen would appear to be most inappropriate for a royal borough with no communist or Russian connections that we know of."

He said: "We were quite surprised. The new Red Lion was built in 1906 replacing an earlier public house that had been there more than 200 years.

"What we find difficult is to understand why the name 'Lion' has been dropped.

"It's a historic association and there's precious little history of this nature in Tolworth, and we feel [among] the Friends that this should be kept."



Historic: The Old Red Lion pub before demolition Deadlinepix KT27619

Steve Bangs, managing director of Linden Homes, later told Mr McCarthy that no offence was meant by the choice of name, which was only for marketing purposes.

He added the Friends will be able to lobby Kingston Council on the postal address.

Peace of mind starts here

A new, modern, fully equipped Nursing Floor at The White House Nursing Home in New Malden has opened its doors to the public.

The occasion was celebrated by the Mayor of The Royal Borough of Kingston, Councillor Mary Heathcote OBE at a public ceremony on Friday 11th January 2013, when the floor was officially opened.

The conception for this brand new floor came from owner and long time New Malden resident and business man Mr Badrudin Manji aged 76.

Mr Manji first built the nursing home over 25 years ago and over the years he has responded to the increasing demand for high quality nursing care in New Malden. Following significant investment and extensive building work, this new Nursing floor takes the capacity of The White House Nursing Home from 25 to 30 residents.

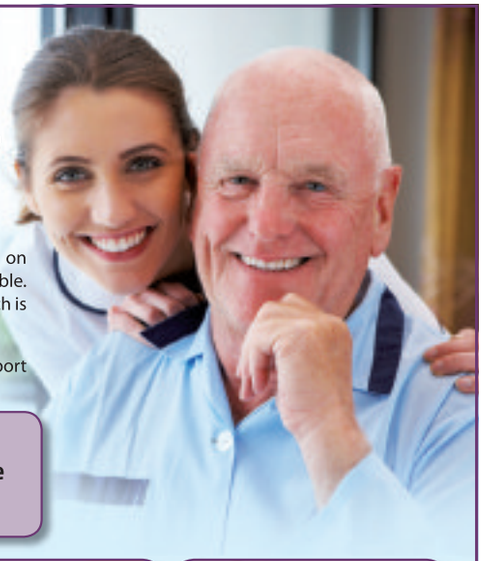
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All smiles: Award-winning officers outside the Guildhall Deadlinepix KT73363

Officers praised over bravery and initiative

Five police officers who dealt with a man who doused his family in petrol and threatened to burn them alive in their home last year have been commended.

Police Sergeants Lisa Maslen and Gary Costello, PCs Sam Holden, Jemma Lyons and Dave Akers all attended the incident at a home in Chessington last March.

They were praised for their handling of the life-threatening situation at the police awards ceremony held at Guildhall on Wednesday.

The man had been behaving aggressively and had even attempted to set the officers on fire with a lighter.

PC Holden said: "At the time you are just going on adrenaline. It is only after that you think 'Oh that was quite dangerous'. But I would do the same thing again."

A man will be sentenced in February after admitting affray.

Families and police officers were all present to watch as retiring borough commander Martin Greenslade gave out more than 30 commendation awards in the annual ceremony also attended by mayor Mary Heathcote.

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PC Gary Roy was presented with an award for his dedication and professionalism in running the Most Wanted scheme in this newspaper.

When he began working on Most Wanted in 2007, Kingston police were on the lookout for 363 people, five years later there are only 50 to 60 people on the list.

The Kingston Guardian has been instrumental in the initiative that contributed to 43 arrests in the last year.

Police volunteer Jacqueline Rayner, 82, a former Unsung Hero in the Surrey Comet, was also honoured for her contribution to victim care.

Detective Superintendent Ian Smith said: "She is often the first person in the office at 7.30am and is a valued member of the team. Her kind manner makes victims feel assured. Her enthusiasm for the Met is infectious."

The Kingston town centre police team received commendations for reducing crime in the area.

Guildhall heard how shop theft had reduced by 23 per cent, violent crime by 14 per cent, robbery by 13 per cent and cycle theft by 7 per cent in the last two years.

Chief Inspector Dave Gair said: "If it was not for them I would be sacked. This is my thanks to the team. Every officer has put in an incredible amount of effort to protect residents and the borough."



Praised: PC Sam Holden KT73363

Team stood up to jewel gang

Police officers who stood up to a gang of jewel robbers on motorbikes were commended for their courage at the awards ceremony.

Four men sped into the Bentall Centre and smashed into jewellery store Fraser Hart using sledgehammers during the morning rush hour on June 25 last year.

They managed to get away, but following a chase the team were able to recover £157,000 worth of watches.

Special Constable Mirela Boros said: "This was my first proper situation with serious crime in Kingston. But you know what you have to deal with – you don't feel fear. You just think that you have to protect the public."

Chief Inspector Bill Heasman said: "The officers managed to secure the entire Bentall Centre. They did not flinch in their duty despite the motorbikes coming towards them."

Luke Doyle, 27, from Islington, was jailed for six-and-a-half years at Kingston Crown Court in September.

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Community groups share £10k

A hefty £10,000 will be split between community groups in Tolworth and Hook Rise, thanks to Kingston Council's new fundraising scheme.

The Your Money, You Decide project, which allows residents to decide which organisations receive funding, has awarded eight groups.

Councillor Rachel Reid, neighbourhood committee chairwoman, said: "Again people have come out to decide how their money should be spent."

Hawkeye, which will raise awareness of crime around Tolworth, received £2,000, as did the 1st Hook Scout Group, which is holding its 90th anniversary family camp this year.

Charity Oxygen's Man and Boy project, aiming to encourage men to act as mentors, received £1,600.

The rest of the money was shared between 1st Tolworth Scouts, Alfriston Outreach Service, Fundraising for Malawi, the safer neighbourhood team and the social group for over 55s, Young at Heart.

Most of £50K grant lost as plans vetoed

by JON SHARMAN

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Fears: Safety is a concern at the Red Lion Road junction

The majority of a £50,000 grant set aside for a walking improvement scheme in Tolworth has been lost after residents rejected plans Kingston Council officers had spent months drawing up.

Three of the four proposals for works on Thornhill Road were voted down at a public meeting at the Cornerhouse in Douglas Road last Thursday amid complaints that not enough was being done on pavements.

The Transport for London (TfL) money would have been spent on things like making junctions easier to cross and extending double yellow lines.

Rosina Howe, 74, of Douglas Road, said the plans did not address residents' concerns.

She said: "[Officers should] take a consensus of opinion – what's most important to you in your area and forget all the fripperies, and just get a basic pattern set down first.

"For me pedestrian safety is pavements. This has been a bugbear for a long time around here."

Tolworth Councillor Vicki Harris said: "If we don't do those projects it's only fair that TfL get the money back to reallocate it next year. But TfL don't give us money to resurface footpaths, unfortunately. I can't imagine TfL ever being freer with money."

Coun Malcolm Self said: "With hindsight I probably would have done this scheme differently. What we haven't done is just plough ahead regardless.

"I think there are lots of merits in the scheme, personally. It didn't seem that controversial to me, but that's how things go."

Plans to widen the traffic island at the junction of Red Lion Road and Thornhill Road were approved, but pavement widening where Thornhill Road joins Hook Road was rejected.

Officers are now considering installing a bollard at the Red Lion Road junction to prevent cars and vans driving on the pavement.

The installation of raised crossing areas at Douglas Road, Cotterill Road and Ellerton Road junctions, and the extension of double yellow lines on other side roads were also thrown out.

Raising the roadway at junctions could have made things easier for people with reduced mobility.

Officers spent 126 hours drawing up the plans starting in the middle of last year – which the council said had cost the equivalent of £3,930 in wages.

Another £1,350 was also spent on officer time and distributing the consultation letters.

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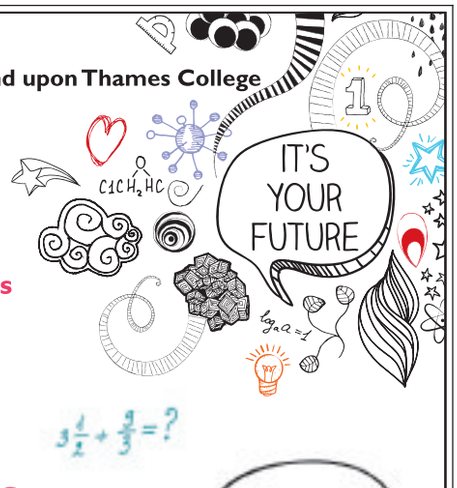
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FUN DAY: Organisers of the Celebrating Chessington community fun day are seeking sponsors for this year's event on May 30.

Past attractions included a bouncy castle, football skills sessions and martial arts.

Anyone wishing to be a sponsor, provide a taster session, or run a stall should call Natasha Earney on 020 8391 4551 or email centre@stmaryschessington.org.

PRIZE PARKING: The winners of Kingston First's Christmas competition received up to a year of free car parking in Kingston. Graham Wynne won a year's free parking at NCP Fairfield car park, while Karen Bibb won six months, and Keith Hooker won a month. Prices were also held for a second year for other customers.

Schools a class act or a 'could do better'


Smiles: Hollyfield pupils with their results
DeadlinepixKT69820

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The cream of the crop were singled out this week as the Department for Education released GCSE and A-level performance scores for schools across the country.

The best performing school was Tiffin Girls' School with 100 per cent of pupils achieving five A* to C GCSEs or equivalent including English and maths – for the fourth year running.

Tiffin School and Kingston Grammar School also had 100 per cent of its pupils achieving five good GCSEs, although it was Tiffin Girls' School that became the only school in the borough to have 100 per cent of its pupils gaining three A-levels or equivalent.

Results for GCSE English were said to be affected as grade boundaries were changed last summer.

Chessington Community College, which has invested thousands of pounds in state-of-the art facilities was the second least best performing school for GCSEs although it showed an increase of 2 per cent for pupils achieving five good GCSEs.

Chessington councillor and lead member for children and young people Patricia Bamford said: "It is a good achievement to have improved, but there is still a lot more to be done.

"It is a long way to go to bring it up to the required standards. There is always more to do in education."

Independent school Canbury School was the lowest performing school for GCSE performance for the second year running.

Southborough High School showed the biggest drop in performance with GCSE performance being down by 11 per cent from 2011.

Headteacher Niall Smith said: "We were quite affected by the national situation in GCSE English.

"Our maths A* to C grades were at 77 per cent, but our English was at 49 per cent and that brought us down.

"I am disappointed, but we are not the kind of school that makes excuses. We are going to do better."

Richard Challoner School showed the biggest rise in GCSE performance from the year before and had the highest percentage of pupils achieving the English baccalaureate from the borough's non-selective schools.

Headteacher Tom Cahill said: "We are proud and delighted results have improved.

"It does go to show boys can go on to achieve just as well as girls in the right learning environment."

Coombe Federation headteacher Deborah Walls said: "I am pleased that results have continued their upward trend at both of the Coombe secondary schools, despite a particularly challenging and turbulent year because of the well-publicised shift in exam grade boundaries."

How our schools performed

School	2011 5A*-C GCSEs or equivalent (%)	2012 5A*-C GCSEs or equivalent (%)	English Bacc (%)	Value Added (%)	3 A-levels
The Tiffin Girls' School	100	100	79	1040.1	100
Tiffin School	99	100	92	1031.9	99
Kingston Grammar School	100	100	28	N/A	96
Surbiton High School	96	96	77	N/A	99
Richard Challoner School	71	76	59	1012.5	82
The Holy Cross School	78	75	33	1030.3	93
Coombe Girls' School	72	75	31	1000.2	87
Tolworth Girls' School	72	72	18	1003.1	78
The Hollyfield School	72	63	26	1006.3	76
Coombe Boys' School	53	56	11	1018.2	27
Southborough High School	59	48	9	976.0	57
Chessington Community Coll	45	47	4	983.5	36
Canbury School	33	29	29	na	na



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Reporter ROSS LOGAN visits a community group helping disadvantaged youths

Oxygen breathes life into estate

Until about a year ago, there was a rather bland-looking concrete space within the Cambridge Road estate in Norbiton.

Today, it is a colourful communal area following a makeover by young volunteers from youth charity Oxygen.

It is this project that Oxygen director John Trend cites as an example of what the organisation does best.

He said: "We had some young people come from all over the world through a programme called Youth With a Mission.

"It was very positive. Young people from the estate joined in and we had parents phoning up saying 'My son's working with you. Thank you. I've been trying to get him off the Playstation.'

"Just by doing something simple like that you find the whole community wants to get involved."

Young people working for the good of the community is at the heart of Oxygen.

Launched in 2001 by a group of Kingston churches, the charity co-ordinates a series of programmes across the borough, including Street Pastors and I Love Kingsnympton, which reaches out to disadvantaged youths on the Kingston Hill estate.



Positivity: Staff and Theo Barbier, 16 (centre). Theo was supported by the charity and now works with them

Deadlinepix BT73477

Although by definition a Christian organisation, John said Oxygen was willing to work with people of all beliefs and faiths.

He said: "We never preach to people. We are clear about who we are and if people are interested in getting involved we tell them more about us.

"We are just trying to make an impact in the communities we are working in.

"There are always challenges, working with young people with no aspirations or hope, and we are trying to be a stable factor in their lives."

Oxygen is currently looking to launch a new mentoring scheme, encouraging volunteers to befriend a young person and support their development for at least two years.

It is also overseeing the Man & Boy project, which gives young boys the chance to spend time with the significant man in their lives, to develop better relationships.

All of which costs time and money, and is why John is so pleased Oxygen has been chosen as one of Love Kingston's five charities.

He said: "We have a mixture of funding from churches and organisations, but at this moment we are feeling the pinch – it is tough.

"We have got £12,000 to find by the end of the year in order to continue to develop without having to worry day in day out about funding.

"To be selected as one of the charities is a Godsend.

"It is quite a privilege to be chosen and in some ways is recognition of the contribution we make, and the potential contribution we can make.

"I watch things such as Comic Relief with inspiration and hope when they manage to raise so much money from the great British public.

"To have something such as Love Kingston that taps into that same sense of generosity is great and it is what we haven't been able to do in the past."

For more information visit **oxygen-online.org**.

❑ The Kingston Guardian is backing the Love Kingston initiative, which is supporting battered women, troubled teenagers, families without food on the table and debtors in the pockets of loan sharks.

Love Kingston supports five charities – youth project Oxygen, Kingston Foodbank, women's refuge Hestia, credit union Kingston Savers and Kingston Churches Action On Homelessness.

If you love Kingston you can give at lovekingston.org.uk.

Day to love your town

The inaugural Love Kingston day is taking shape, with several business, organisations and individuals giving their hearts to the borough this Valentine's Day.

On February 14, it is hoped residents will show how they really feel about the place they live by organising a fundraising event for the Love Kingston charity appeal.

So far, Kingston Voluntary Action is taking a day off to hold a team-building exercise aimed at raising cash for Kingston.

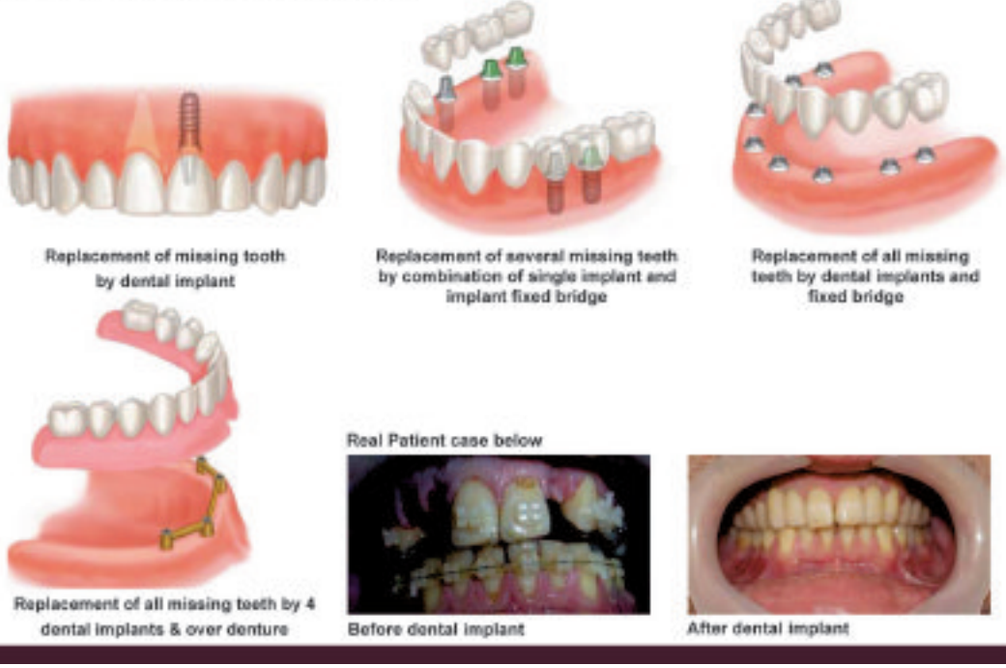
Meanwhile Go Kingston will hold a "speed volunteering" event at Market House in Market Place matching up would-be volunteers with their perfect good cause.

Love Kingston co-ordinator Elaine Miller said: "I am hugely excited about this. Everyone is so enthusiastic."

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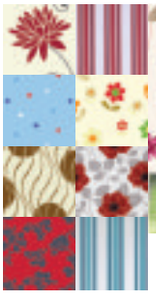
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Friends' tireless efforts

Kingston Council's development control committee has now rejected Hydro Properties' application to develop the Surbiton Filter Beds on metropolitan open land.

Whereas the planning officers were seduced into accepting that the developer's blatantly commercial ends were as much an enabling development, the committee members maintained their nerve and integrity by unanimously overturning their officers' recommendation.

This decision was in no small part a result of the tireless efforts of the Friends of Seething Wells in informing and educating the community and in combating the developer's propaganda.

The SAS motto is who dares wins. For the Friends of Seething Wells that should read who cares wins.

NIGEL JACKMAN
Chessington

It's just a bit of snow – keep calm and carry on

Last Friday I received a text message from my children's school stating "to ensure children and staff can get home safely the school will be closing at 1.15pm".

As one of the criteria to attend this school includes living within a close proximity of it, the children are perfectly capable of walking the distance home in a few inches of the white stuff.

Teachers are, quite rightly, quick to point out the importance of their profession and their vital role in the development of our children. They used this argument extensively when justifying their strike action.

However, they fail to then accept the consequences of their actions when the decision is taken to close schools for trivial reasons.

Parents have to return home from work to collect their children, parents that are police officers, firefighters, paramedics, nurses, bus drivers, gritting lorry drivers.

This causes the country to grind to a halt and we have snowmaggedon.



School's out: Families could enjoy the snow after some schools closed early due to the cold weather KT73463

What example are the teachers setting?

"Look kids, as soon as a few flakes appear, don't worry about work and responsibility, get home, build a snowman, feet up in front of the fire."

Britain has a reputation for overcoming adversity, pulling together, solving problems.

Cubs and scouts have the motto, be prepared. They were: 1st Hook Scouts met as usual Friday evening.

Where is the Blitz spirit? Keep calm and carry on? Unless you are involved in educating children, it becomes "give up and go home".

The sensible option would have been to allow parents to collect children if they wished, give them the choice. Keep the schools open, the rest of the borough working, and set a positive example.

Teach children how to use independent thought, encourage personal risk assessments of individual situations.

How will children learn how to cope with danger if they are never exposed to it?

Stop wrapping children in cotton wool. Yes, some will fall, some will get hurt, it is all part of life's rich tapestry.

Come on headteachers, teachers and education departments, prepare children for life, not just exams.

Keep those schools open.

MIKE BRIGGS
Via email

Planning to claim credit

Tony Arbour reassures us that neither Kingston nor Surbiton fire stations will close (No threat of closure, January 17).

As he says, he has been on the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority for very many years and yet he does know what he is talking about.

He is too polite to explain why the Liberal Democrats are scaremongering about possible closures. I am not.

Their simple ploy is – say they will be closed, then, when they are not, claim credit for keeping them open.

COUN DENNIS DOE
Kingston

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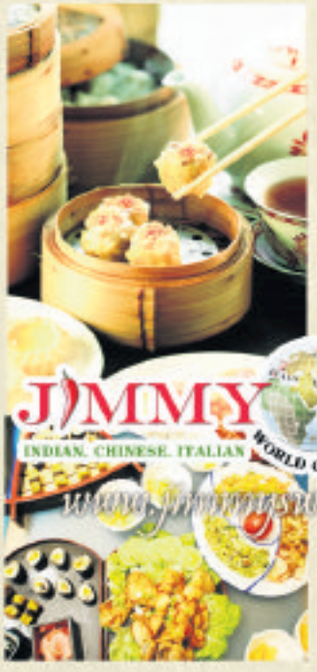
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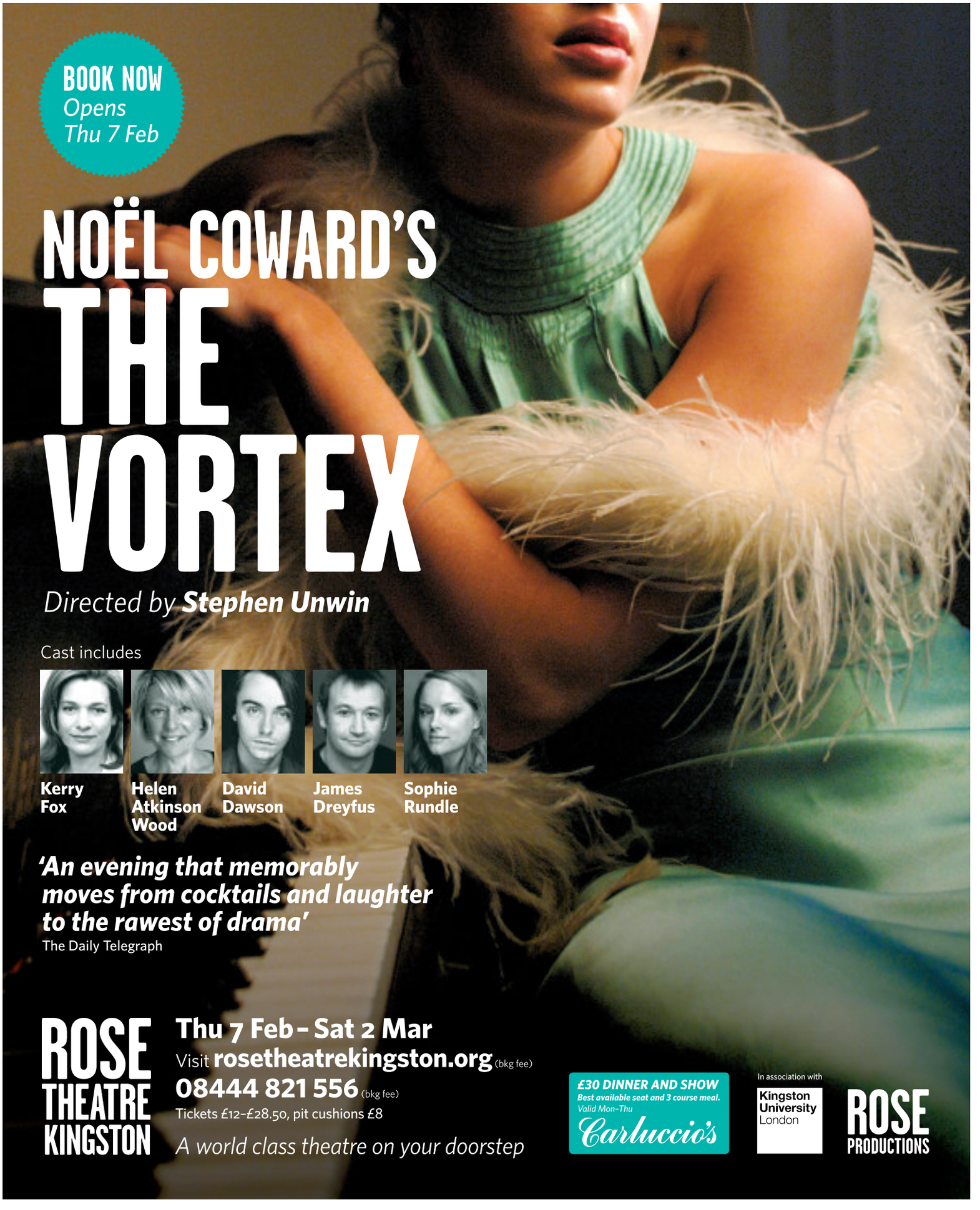
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BIG BABIES

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Re-emerging from their 1980s fame, punk band Peter and the Test Tube Babies are debuting on the Kingston scene, *writes Hana Hausmeister*.

Formed in Peter Bywaters's dad's garage in 1978, the band became a staple of the punk era, appearing on compilations such as Vaultage 78, and Oi! The Album.

Front man Bywaters says: "We will be playing our loud infectious punk rock, packed full of classics such as Banned from the Pubs, and maybe even a few surprise covers."

The band features the vocals of Bywaters, Del Strangefish on guitar, Paul "H" Henrickson on bass, and Dave O'Brien on drums.

Bywaters says: "We have never been to Kingston before. A lot of people have told me that the Peel is the place to play and I am looking forward to that."

Having released their debut vinyl after appearing on a John Peel Radio One session, their album, Mating Sounds of South American Frogs, topped the UK indie charts.

Their whimsical lyrics and song names singled them out among the punk crowd.

Bywaters says: "We are writing some new songs, a new album and hopefully we will get that released before the end of the year."

They have toured around the world, and recently got back from a weekend playing in Scotland.

Bywaters says: "When we started, we probably only knew about three or four chords and naturally you just get better as musicians.

"Because we have travelled around the world we have picked up lots of influences as well."

The band released a compilation of covers this year.

Bywaters says: "We just write about whatever we see going on around us and whatever happens to us."

When we started we probably only knew about three or four chords

PETER AND THE TEST TUBE BABIES

● **The Peel, 160 Cambridge Road, Kingston; February 1, 8.00pm; £10 adv, £12 on door; call 020 8546 3516, visit peelmuzik.com.**

Getting your act TOGETHER

Aspiring dramatists can audition for oneActs 2013, a week-long showcase for amateur playwrights in Tolworth.

Auditions for the festival are open to actors aged 16 and over, and will be held at the Cornerhouse.

Featuring original short plays around 15-30 minutes long, written by local playwrights, the festival aims to highlight talent and give residents a chance to star on stage.

A spokesman for the arts centre says: "It's a great opportunity to be involved in a show without a heavy time commitment, but you will still be able to enjoy the buzz of being part of a large, dynamic team of playwrights, directors, actors and crew."

Last year the plays included Tina Soprano by Tim Harrison and Circus Acts by Katie Davison.

● *Audition for oneActs 2013 at the Cornerhouse, Douglas Road, Surbiton; February 5, 7.30pm, February 10, 2pm; call 020 8296 9012, or email info@thecornerhouse.org.*

ONEACTS 2013

News in brief

LIVE LONG: A dystopian sci-fi play is opening at the Ram Jam Club this week, from the Cornerhouse's new youth company. Written and directed by Madeleine Mason, Attempt 207 tells the story of Frederick, a man about to turn 500 in a world where humanity has cured death.

● **Attempt 207; the Grey Horse and Ram Jam Club, Richmond Road, Kingston; February 6, 8.00pm £4; call 020 3674 7810, visit greyhorse.co.uk**

ON SONG: The Merbecke Choir will deliver a concert at Surbiton's St Raphael's church this Spring. The choir, based at Southwark Cathedral, performed in the Queen's Christmas Broadcast in 2006. It is led by Royal Academy trained conductor, Huw Morgan.

● **Merbecke Choir concert, St Raphael's Catholic Church, Portsmouth Road, Kingston; March 16, 7.30pm; call 020 8541 4999; email straphaelparishoffice@googlemail.com.**

CRACKING COMEDY: Zoe Lyons, Stefano Paolini and Paul T Eyres will crack the jokes at the Ram Jam Club on Friday evening. Now in its 10th season, Crack Comedy Club has a reputation for showcasing the comedy stars of the future.

● **Crack Comedy Club; the Grey Horse and Ram Jam Club, Richmond Road, Kingston; February 1, doors open 7.30pm, show starts 8pm; £21 comedy and dinner, £12 general admission, £10 adv, £6 students; call 020 8549 9790, visit crackcomedy.com**

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What buyers really want

Survey reveals latest must-haves

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Having a garden, space to park the car and a spare room for hobbies are some of the must haves both men and women look for when buying a new home.

New independent research commissioned by property developer, St James which built the Boatyard development in Kingston, shows that the nation's males and females are united in their requirements for their home.

Top three must haves in the home

When asked what their top three must haves are when choosing a prospective property, the genders were in agreement with almost three quarters of those surveyed, short listing a garden or private outdoor space as their top priority. This indicates that in an age where property prices are continuing to rise, a garden is seen as a valuable extension of the internal living accommodation – making every square foot count.

Equally, space to expand and grow into a home avoiding the need to upsize in the short term was a priority among both genders, with more than half of both men and women shortlisting a spare bedroom as the second most important feature that they would require when purchasing. Thirty eight per cent of those surveyed also prioritised car parking as the third essential characteristic.

Open plan living

One third of all parties surveyed highlighted open plan living as another important feature. Buyers now realise that with space at a premium, flexible square footage is also key. Open plan space is far more adaptable and lends itself to the changing demands of its occupants.

A nation of male master chefs?

Most interestingly, it was the male respondents who prioritised an open plan kitchen far higher up their wish list than their females counterparts, suggesting that today's modern man has a greater desire to combine cooking, home entertaining and socialising in their home. This is supported by recent research from Hotpoint which flagged that British men are now picking up their pots and pans and cooking, on average, four meals a week.

Bonus room

When given the option to choose what a bonus room in the home would be used for - a hobbies room came out as the top favourite for both sexes, with a home office coming a close second for men, and a utility room a second favourite for the ladies, showing that gender stereotyping does carry some truth.

Location versus size

For the majority of UK house hunters – location remains key – with more than 50 per cent of both genders prioritising the location of their home over the size. As a nation, we are still prepared to compromise on square footage in favour of a sought-after postcode or an area close to amenities such as restaurants, bars and shops and transport links.



Men really want an open plan kitchen says St James. Visit visit www.stjames.co.uk

Work/life balance

Both sexes are keen to maintain a clear division between their home and work life, with nearly half of the men polled and one third of women stating they enjoy going to work in an office. And if given the choice, only 20 per cent of the both sexes would choose to work from home if they could.

Michelle Harris, sales and marketing director for St James said: "In terms of work/life balance, with technology extending the possibilities for working from home, it was interesting that only 20 per cent of both men and women would choose to work from home if they could. Thus ensuring they maintain a clear definition between work and home life."

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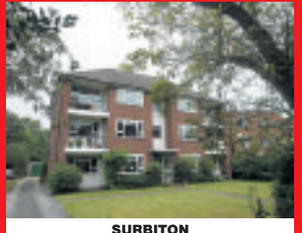
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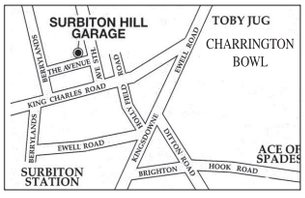
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Doubles bronze for Cheng in Oz



Aaron Cheng, *pictured right*, is the pride of Wimbledon Racquets & Fitness Club (WRFC) after winning badminton bronze at the Australian Youth Olympics Festival last month.

Playing with partner Tom Wolfenden in the men's doubles, 18-year-old Cheng, from Surbiton, faced stiff competition from the Chinese contingent, which won all but one gold medal in the sport.

Cheng, who trains at Loughborough University, joined WRFC in 2005 and still trains there during the holidays.

More sport: kingstonguardian.co.uk



Fresh start: New Malden's Tom Onslow-Cole Gary Brind

2013 will be lucky for Tom

New Malden racing driver Tom Onslow-Cole is not prepared to wait to end his win drought, *writes Stuart Amos*.

The 25-year-old, who has recently moved to Buckinghamshire, agreed a three-year deal over Christmas with Team Hard boss Tony Gilham's yet-to-be-named team for this season's British Touring Car Championship.

Onslow-Cole last won a BTCC race in 2010 and, although his new NGTC VW Passat will need development, he is not prepared to wait any longer than necessary to end the misery.

"The package is really good. The car is being race built by the same team that built the World Championship winning Chevrolets," he said.

"We also have some of the best and most experienced engineers in the sport behind the team.

"We have aspirations to become one of the bigger teams in the BTCC. We'll not be waiting until year three for success."

Let the Ks Goode times roll

by TAIMOUR LAY
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Flying high: Ks midfielder Matt Pattison takes a touch before firing home the opener against Carshalton Athletic on Saturday Deadlinxpix SP73056

Kingstonian skipper Aaron Goode reckons weekend wins make the daily grind of work worth it.

The former QPR youth player, whose form is reported to be attracting Football League scouts to Kingsmeadow, scored his side's second goal in Saturday's 3-1 win over Carshalton Athletic, which also featured strikes from Matt Pattison and Nathan Koranteng.

The 24-year-old remains ambitious to reach the professional ranks, but has to combine captaining the Ryman Premier League promotion chasers with work for a removals company.

And Goode would not have it any other way.

"As captain, the players depend on you and it's a personal thing also for me because I'm club captain and Kingstonian are a big club," he said.

"Every morning before a game, I wake up with a positive attitude about it.

"We're like a big family here. Everyone respects each other. I don't get a big head about anything.

"A lot of pro clubs do come and watch non-league players. Players are possibly hungrier in non-league.

"It's a privilege to play professionally.

"Lower down you have to fight for results – bad pitches, bad referees – and if you ever got the chance to play pro you'd grab it with both hands and maybe appreciate it more.

"I don't mind working and playing football. If you don't get home 'til midnight from an away game and have to work the next morning, that's fine because you just want to play."

Boss Alan Dowson, who dedicated the weekend win to club volunteer Gary Brown who died last week, labelled Saturday's performance as outstanding and will expect more of the same at play-off rivals Bognor Regis Town this week.

Surbiton's Haycroft handed England call-up

Surbiton Ladies captain Sarah Haycroft is set for her senior England debut after being named in the 18-woman squad for next week's Investec Challenge in South Africa, *writes Colin Pike*.

Haycroft, who captained England's U21 women to a bronze medal at the Euro-Hockey Junior Nations Championships in August, is joined in the squad by Esher's Sophie Bray, a former Surbiton player who now plays for MOP in Holland.



Graduation: Sarah Haycroft already has junior international caps

Clubmate 21-year-old Georgie Twigg, a Team GB international, misses out this time as new head coach Karen Brown plans to give younger players – and those who missed out on Olympic selection – their chance.

England's women start their campaign in Cape Town against the host nation on February 4.

SPORTS*brief*

RUGBY UNION: Five second half tries kept Kingston in the Surrey Division One promotion race as they beat Old Freemans 33-27 at Hook Road on Saturday. The hosts were 12 points adrift of the visitors at half-time, but the second half blitz secured the points. Kingston are third in the table, but are 11 points behind runaway leaders Farnham.

FOOTBALL: Corinthian Casuals secured a valuable draw at home fourth-placed Sittingbourne to keep their heads above the Ryman Division One South drop zone. James Cottee put Casuals in front, but they could not hold on to all three points. Boss Kim Harris's men host fellow-strugglers Walton & Hersham on Saturday.

HOCKEY: Surbiton's men travel to Sheffield University Bankers in the quarter finals of the Men's Hockey Cup quarter finals on Sunday. Captain Tim Deakin's men return to Men's Hockey League Premier Division action seven days later when Southgate visit, while the women travel to Canterbury on Saturday in their final friendly before the outdoor season restarts.

SWIMMING: Kingston Royals Swimming Club youngsters head to Ealing for an open meeting gala on Saturday and Sunday.



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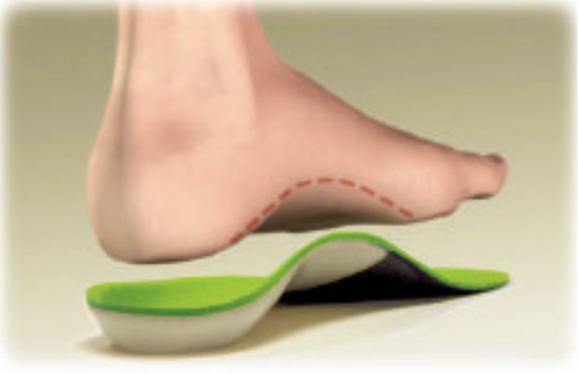
Steve Morgan loves attending concerts at London's many music venues. However, in recent years, his enjoyment has been increasingly marred by foot and back pain that prevented him standing for prolonged periods.

A keen sportsman, Steve, 44, has a high pain threshold, but about a year ago the discomfort became debilitating, limiting both his mobility and quality of life. Recommended by a work colleague whose mother had been successfully treated for a similar complaint, Steve made an appointment for a free, no-obligation assessment at Foot Solutions in Richmond. "The assessment was detailed, rigorous and really interesting" explains Steve. "All the consultants at Foot Solutions are highly-trained specialists and really know their stuff. I learnt that I have over-pronating feet which means that my arches flatten on impact with the ground. The recommended treatment was customised arch supports. The consultant explained the benefits without applying any sales pressure. After consideration, I decided to proceed with the purchase." Have the arch supports helped? "They've been an absolute godsend" says Steve, "The foot pain has been massively reduced and the back pain has completely gone. I can now enjoy a night out with hardly any discomfort. Plus, my balance and posture have improved so much that I've realised that I'm taller than people I thought were bigger than me!" Would he recommend Foot Solutions? "Definitely" confirms Steve, "Foot Solutions are massive in America and it's easy to see why. The assessment process is excellent, the products are superb and the staff are outstanding."

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